

The Church of the Red Rocks ~ United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Faith Community

Through Christian Worship, Education and Mission
we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.

October 13, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

The root of all suffering is attachment.

Attachment is not love.

~ Siddhartha Gautama

PRELUDE

"Footsteps of Jesus"

arr. David Smithers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey...

You are welcome here!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kyle Larsen

Leader: Leave behind your fears and worries. We are here to worship God as a faithful community.

People: We leave behind anything that distracts us from God.

Leader: Clothe yourselves with love, which binds us together.

People: In this hour of worship, the Spirit of God calls us to a life abundant with joy and love.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Kyle Larsen

Loving God, we follow Jesus, our Savior, although sometimes our priorities distract and become obstacles. In this hour of worship, may we experience your Spirit and commit our daily living to the path of love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN No. 25** *"O God, Our Help in Ages"*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10: 17 – 31 Kyle Larsen

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

SERMON *"Strings"*

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

ANTHEM *"I Surrender all"* arr. Victor C. Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 812 *"Threefold Amen"*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *"We Are an Offering"* arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** Tune: NCH 17

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia,
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit: One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (together)

O God, who calls us to live the world with generosity, may these gifts reflect our commitment to Your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of healing.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

***PARTING HYMN** No. 454 *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* (1-2)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *"Go Now in Peace"* Don Besig

POSTLUDE *"The Love of God"* Frederick M. Lehman

Announcements

This past Sunday a special collection was taken for our sister church in Florida and its displaced members. You were called to give, and you answered that call generously. Thank you!

As of the writing of this article, Hurricane Milton is forecasted to directly hit the Tampa Bay region. Consequently, we will call for one more special collection today.

We continue to offer prayers to the families of Margo DePuy, Paul Blechmann and to Lynda and David Shephard on the passing of their grandson. Contact the office if you wish to send a sympathy card and need an address.

* ***God Stories*** - *A class on how to tell your God story*

Did you have a “God Encounter” and you want to tell people about it? Do you have a good story about God intervening in your life? Join Pastor Guillermo and members of our church family to learn the basic elements about sharing your God story, your testimony. Come for three **Wednesdays – October 23, 30 and November 6 from 10:30 to 12:00**. For more information, or to register for the class, contact the church office.

* ***All Saints Day*** – *Remembering Our Loved Ones*

Traditionally, All Saints Day was created so the Church may honor its martyred saints. Over time it has evolved as a day for the community to remember the loved ones who have passed. On **Sunday, November 3**, the altar will be set with candles to be lit for the loved ones who have passed in recent years. If you wish to have the name of your loved one listed and read out loud, as a candle is lit in their memory, please contact the church office.

What's Going On

For more information about what is happening at the church visit our website or subscribe to the Canyon Echo, our weekly newsletter. If you are interested in any of our ministries or programs, contact Jussara Wagner at the church office. Here are a few of things happening this week:

- Mon: 12:45pm The EDGE - Zoom**
1pm Game On at PCH
- Tue: 11am Bible Study at Sedona Winds**
3pm How to Talk About Race at PCH (4/4)
- Wed: 3:30pm Finance & Administration Meeting**
- Thu: 10am Faith in Action Ministry Meeting**
11am Congregational Care Ministry Meeting
1pm Bible Study at CRR
3:30pm Handbell Choir
- Fri 9am Yin Yoga at PCH**
- Sat: 2pm Women of Courage at PCH**

Have questions or comments? Send us an e-mail at:

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Dr. Ryan Holder
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The Rev. Dr. George Ault

Settled Pastor
Director of Music
Organist/Pianist
CRR Choir
Pastor Emeritus

WOMEN OF COURAGE

Featuring: Prescott Interfaith Choir

Presented by:

Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
and The Church of the Red Rocks

SONGS AND STORYTELLING INSPIRED BY 11 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

11 Extraordinary women encountered seemingly insurmountable difficulties, and each used her unique talents to transform the world into which she was born.

Saturday October 19, 2024
@ 2:00 PM
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Eleanor Roosevelt at the United Nations

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All Concert Proceeds to support
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